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New Visitor Centre

Municipality gets federal funding for facility in Head Lake Park. See page 2.

Destination Planning

Community meetings gather insights into fostering tourism in the Highlands. See page 2.

Syrup Time

Students in Minden learn about how maple syrup is made - right on school property. See page 4.

Ladies' Day

A group of women from the Lindsay area enjoy a drink together at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride during Ladies' Day earlier this month. The theme was Famous and Fabulous Females and this group chose Royal Family as their inspiration. /TIM TOFFLEMIRE
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Plotting a destination plan

CHAD INGRAM
County Life Staff

A number of residents shared their ideas on tourism strategies for the county during a town hall meeting at Haliburton Legion on the evening of March 3.

That meeting, facilitated by Greg Oates of marketing firm MMGY NextFactor, was part of a series of input sessions the company conducted earlier this month. The County of Haliburton has hired MMGY NextFactor to create a destination development plan, designed to help further map the sustainable development of the Haliburton Highlands as a tourist destination.

"So it's a five-year plan, a long-term roadmap to bring all the pieces together to align them, create that shared vision for everyone to kind of rally together to leverage tourism, or what we call the visitor economy, to benefit the community," Oates said. "I just really want to emphasize, it's really a community-driven destination development plan. We're not coming in here and really saying much, we're just asking questions, we're providing the structure, and then we're providing feedback and context."

The company has worked with more than 250 destinations and Oates said many of them have been resort-driven, traditionally seasonal economies, so communities with some of the same challenges and opportunities as the Haliburton Highlands.

Oates emphasized that part of the process is getting the community engaged, with the understanding that all residents, regardless of whether they work directly in a tourism-related job, are part of the Haliburton Highlands' visitor economy.

"[It's about] . . . how well the community works together as a collective, and does everybody in the destination feel that tourism is important, and that they're part of the visitor industry," he said. "Even if they're not in a hotel, or if they're a tour operator, or, you know, maybe working as a welder. Are they part of the visitor economy? Yes."

MMGY NextFactor performed a community assessment of the Haliburton Highlands last year.

"Yes, there are challenges, but how can everyone in this room sort of create a future where you can benefit, your workers and families benefit more, and optimize what's happening here?" Oates said.

Part of that optimization is the continuing evolution of a community-driven marketing platform, with business owners or other community and industry partners sharing their stories.

"As a community, we need to be more intentional about sharing stories," Oates said. "So, [the] tourism [department] wants to share what you're doing, but we found from a lot of conversations last year that sometimes it's hard to actually get that information, to get those stories to be shared."

Attendees of the meeting, who included many members of the local tourism industry, made suggestions under four categories, or "asset clusters," including outdoor recreation and sports; culinary, culture events and wellness; accommodations; and transportation and mobility.

Suggestions ranged from promoting the Haliburton Highlands as a world-class fishing destination to more environmentally friendly recreation to diversification of trails in the county. There was discussion about how to attract more millennials to the community, with suggestions for creating a more vibrant nightlife within the community.

Also mentioned was the county's lack of a central booking agent to organize vacation packages involving numerous businesses.

"I think one of the big demands that we have here in the county, is the lack of ability we have for customers to get a one-stop-shopping experience," said one attendee. "So, they can't call up and say, I want to do a winter weekend, or a winter week, and I want to go dog-sledding, snowmobiling, downhill skiing, snowshoeing, Nordic skiing and ice fishing, I want to have three dinners at fine dining and I want to stay at this kind of accommodation. Bam, I want to pay one person, and I want to have it all arranged for me."

County tourism director Amanda Virtanen said there is a private business in Muskoka that fulfills that function.

"It's a huge issue when you talk about who our competitors are as well, so if you look at how a family's planning their trip, it's way easier to book a trip down south for a week, and have your food and your stay and have everything organized . . . than it is to be in the city and not have a ton of time, but have to plan where you're going to stay, where you're going to eat, what you're going to do, drive around. So that's a huge barrier for us, to enable those experiences."

Other suggestions included the creation of a workforce development strategy for tourism-related businesses, an accommodations needs assessment study and creation of a municipal accommodation tax, the revenues from which could be earmarked for tourism-related activities.

Attendees then evaluated the suggestions in terms of priorities using their smartphones, with results displayed in real time on a screen.

MMGY NextFactor also conducted four focus group sessions earlier this month – one for accommodators and restaurateurs, one for experience providers, one for community leaders and one for lake associations – and the feedback from those sessions, in addition to feedback from the town hall meeting, will be compiled into a draft plan, and that draft plan is expected to be presented at a public meeting in the spring.

The destination development plan is a $60,000 project for the County of Haliburton.

New visitor centre receives federal funding

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Funding for the visitor centre planned for construction in Haliburton's Head Lake Park will receive a large financial boost from FedDev Ontario's Canadian Experiences Fund.

On March 9, the federal government announced the Municipality of Dysart et al would receive $375,000 to build the accessible visitor centre, which is to include gender-neutral washrooms and tourism information space.

The idea was first brought to Dysart council by the Rotary Club of Haliburton, which is contributing $75,000 to the project, celebrating the club's 75th anniversary.

Construction is expected to commence this spring with the building to be completed by the end of 2020.

"Head Lake Park is the centre of action in our little village of Haliburton year round for so many festivals, events and everyday activities. We identified a need for accessible public washrooms and a visitor centre years ago but without this support we have not been able to make this a reality. We look forward to the construction of this fabulous new addition to our park," Mayor Andrea Roberts said in a press release.

Minister of Economic Development Mélanie Joly said that the investment would draw more visitors to the park and enhance year-round tourism experiences.

With files from Chad Ingram

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Ice hut removal date nearing

Anglers are reminded that it's nearly time to remove their fishing huts from lakes.

"Ice fishing huts must be removed from the ice by the prescribed deadlines, with the exception of portable fish huts that are made of cloth or synthetic fabric that are seven square metres in size or less," says Ontario Conservation Officers Association president Sean Cronsberry, "ice huts that are left or abandoned on the ice can eventually fall through the ice and pollute our lakes, causing hazards to boaters during the open water season."

March 31 is the deadline to remove your ice hut in fisheries management zone 15, which includes Haliburton County.

"Many of our waterbodies have less ice this year compared to the last couple years and in some areas the ice may be gone before the ice hut removal date," says Cronsberry. "Anglers must ensure they remove their ice fishing huts while the ice conditions are still safe to do so."

Ice Hut Removal Dates:

- March 1 in fisheries management zones (FMZ) 17 and 20
- March 15 in FMZ 14, 16, 18, 19 and below the Lake Timiskaming dam in FMZ 12
- March 31 in FMZ 9, 10, 11, 15 and above the Lake Timiskaming dam in FMZ 12

A bubbly bunch

Bethany Houghton blows bubbles during the final session of the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association's Jack Rabbit and Track Attack instructional youth program offered on Saturday, March 7 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. Youth participants enjoyed a final session to the season with fun activities and games, including races. The youth program, which provides instruction and inspiration for Nordic skiing to children as young as four, is held weekly on Saturdays in January and Februrary at the Glebe Park in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff

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Ontario residents can expect to receive their 2020 War Amps key tags in the mail starting this week. Each key tag has a confidentially coded number. If you lose your keys, the finder can call the toll-free number on the back of the tag or place them in any mailbox, and The War Amps will return them to you by courier, free of charge. The War Amps receives no government grants. With the public's support of the key tag service, the association is making a difference in the lives of amputees, including children, by providing financial assistance for the cost of artificial limbs, peer support and information on all aspects of living with amputation. Those who do not receive their key tags in the mail can order them at waramps.ca or call toll-free 1-800-250-3030.

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Tapping into knowledge through maple syrup

SUE TIFFIN
County Life Staff

Kindergarten students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School had a sweet adventure on March 3, when parent-volunteer Audrey Collins visited for a maple tree tapping field trip on school property.

"Audrey taught us how to identify maple trees based on their bark because there are no leaves in the late winter/early spring," said teacher Corinne McArthur. "She also showed us the tools needed to tap trees, collect and create syrup."

McArthur said students have been reading fiction and non-fiction books and watching short documentaries "to learn the answers to their wondering as they investigate this inquiry."

Besides learning about the maple syrup collecting process, students had the chance to try a sweet treat in the form of maple taffy.

Kindergarten students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School - including Lucas - had the chance to learn about identifying maple trees, and the tools needed in the process of making maple syrup.

Parent volunteer Audrey Collins talks to students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School about maple syrup on March 3 during a field trip on school property. / Submitted photo

Kindergarten students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School had the chance to learn about identifying maple trees, and the tools needed in the process of making maple syrup.

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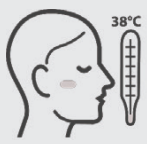
Monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure



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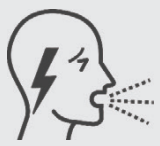

Difficulty breathing

Avoid public spaces

- Avoid crowded public spaces and places where you cannot easily separate yourself from others if you become ill.

What to do if you develop these or any other symptoms?

- Self-isolate immediately and contact your public health unit and your health care provider.
- To self-isolate you will need:
  - Instructions on how to self-isolate
  - Supply of procedure/surgical masks (enough for 14 days)
  - Soap, water and/or alcohol-based hand sanitizer to clean your hands
- When you visit your health care provider, avoid using public transportation such as subways, taxis and shared rides. If unavoidable, wear a mask and sit in the back seat.

Contact your public health unit:

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit – 1-866-888-4577 ext. 5020

Learn about the virus

COVID-19 is a new virus. It spreads by respiratory droplets of an infected person to others with whom they have close contact such as people who live in the same household or provide care.

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Intuitive ramblings

So many stories of homesteads…
Some moving to another country
Some adjusting & creating new spaces against overwhelming objections
Some doing extensive studies abroad, but from home base
Some waiting to find a new home
Some are flying out to escape the bitter cold
And some are just staying the course

It's a leap year and the energies are stirred, leaping hither & dither
It seems that everyone is in the middle of major changes
Movement is evident

What impact will all the considerations that arise from all these stirrings have
… I wonder.

Lee Gauthier
Algonquin Writers' Circle

Top 10 reasons for not overstocking on toilet paper

LATELY, I HAVE been hearing lots of news stories about how people are panicking and buying toilet paper like it's going out of style. This is in reaction to the coronavirus, of course. While I think we ought to stock up on many things and be ready for whatever befalls us, I don't feel like toilet paper should be high on the list. Here are my 10 reasons why:

1. If it gets bad, you can resort to constipation.
2. There's always junk mail.
3. That power washer you bought last year.
4. You can always stick your butt out the window at the car wash.
5. Leaves are free.
6. Three ply can go a long way if you are patient enough.
7. I know a guy…
8. Waterslide season is just around the corner.
9. Bounty: the quicker picker upper.
10. They will make more.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Stopping the spread of fake news

RECENTLY, THE International Federation of Library Associations put out a handy one-page guide titled *How to Spot Fake News*. "Fake news" has become a buzzword of late, but generally refers to inaccurate information of some kind – whether propaganda, pseudoscience, misinformation, or disinformation. The term "fake news" is also often used to delegitimize accurate information when it doesn't align with the goals and aims of a particular group, particularly when it comes from the press.

ERIN KERNOHAN-BERNING
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When most people think of fake news, they think of social media. While social media is certainly fertile ground for the spread of fake news, inaccurate information can be found anywhere (including in books found at your local public library) and has been around as long as humans have been communicating. We live in a complex world with complex problems, but we yearn for simple answers, and that ultimately breeds inaccurate information.

Spotting fake news is especially important during an emerging and serious situation. A good example is the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19). While international disease and public health experts have been working hard to provide good, practical, and up-to-date information on a very complex situation to the world, there has also been a flood of misinformation and disinformation on social media.

Misinformation in this instance is very dangerous. In a Feb. 24, 2020 report, the World Health Organization describes how misinformation can lead to stigma about disease, and how that stigma can cause people to hide when they are sick to avoid discrimination and prevent them from seeking healthcare in a timely manner, both of which can increase the spread of disease and contribute to more severe health problems. Misinformation can actually make epidemics worse.

IFLA's first piece of advice for spotting fake news is considering the source, and to consider clicking away from what we are reading to see what else is on the website to get a sense of who is giving us the information. Does the source specialize in the type of information they are providing, such as a public health unit providing public health information? Or is the source a company or influencer trying to sell something, such as a weight-loss company dispensing diet advice? Is the source a government department providing government information? Or is the source a political party trying to get our vote?

It's also important to check if something is meant to be informative or humorous. How many of us have been caught (almost) believing an article from a satirical publication such as *The Onion* or *The Manatee*? Satire is an important type of social commentary, but it shouldn't be mistaken for accurate information. Even some reputable news outlets engage in frivolity every so often, particularly on April Fool's Day. That's why it's also important to check the date of what we are reading – both to ensure that the information isn't out of date, but also to make sure we're not being taken in by a joke.

Another thing to look at when critically examining information is to consider who wrote the piece. Who is the author? Are they writing because they are an expert in something? Are they a journalist abiding by a code of ethics? Are they a columnist writing an opinion piece? Again, clicking away from what we are reading to get a sense of who the writer is can inform us as to whether the information is reliable.

This clicking away from what we're reading to evaluate the source is referred to as "reading laterally." In a report published in 2017 from Stanford University's Stanford History Education Group, three groups of expert readers – historians, fact checkers, and undergraduates – were evaluated for how they evaluated information online. The results were interesting in that the fact checkers were the only group who read laterally – they clicked away from what they were reading to research where it was coming from. They were also the most successful group in the study at spotting "fake news."

If fake news is so bad, why doesn't government try and control it? This is because in Canada freedom of expression is guaranteed to us as a right under the Canadian Charter of rights and Freedoms. Freedom of expression is not limited to speech, but includes "freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication." Freedom of expression is not without limit – expression which leads to violence, hate speech, or defamation is not necessarily under the protection of the Charter. However, freedom of expression does not differentiate between expression that is based on truth or falsehoods. Freedom of expression allows for the expression of ideas, and the expression of counter-ideas to ultimately arrive at some kind of understanding of the world. It doesn't guarantee truth or equality, but it does underpin the often difficult process of arriving at those things.

Who's responsible for stopping fake news? Well, we are. While freedom of expression is our right under the Charter, it is also our responsibility. It is our responsibility to understand what fake news is, and to be able to identify it. It is our responsibility to lovingly tell our friends and family who might be spreading fake news what they are doing, and why it can be hurtful and even dangerous. The right to freedom of expression is also our right to not express ourselves – so if we don't have an informed opinion it is our right to withhold that opinion until we feel informed enough to give it. Much like a virus, fake news requires us to share it so it spreads, so it's up to us to prevent the spread of misinformation by recognizing it and not sharing it.

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS
CONSIDER THE SOURCE
Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.
READ BEYOND
Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?
CHECK THE AUTHOR
Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?
SUPPORTING SOURCES?
Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.
CHECK THE DATE
Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.
IS IT A JOKE?
If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.
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Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group.
1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
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1 to 4 p.m. - Ladies Darts,
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Calorie Counters
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts in the Sports Room.
7 p.m. Euchre in the Club Room
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Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m.
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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start
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depths of things,
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brewing in peoples' eyes,
feeling the silence and peace that
rests on the other side,
seeing deep into the roots of others'
rage and fear,
digging through the rot until
goodness reveals itself,
reflected back at her in those eyes,
green as bits of broken glass,
strewn across the shore,
waves of darkness overtaking her,
trying to stave off night,
the space between breaths growing
longer, the rasps growing stronger,
birds still flitting behind the veined
lids of her eyes,
where maybe the blueness of this
morning seeped through,
and she saw the bird fluttering on the
other side of the windowpane,
felt it in the nest of her chest, this last
morning, this extra day,

Sun blaring so bright against the glass,
that maybe she heard the bird,
its chirps, like tiny icicles, dripping
into her ears,
serenading her as her Breath drifted
off to someplace where it could breathe,
light, whiter than Sun, stroking Snow,
piercing through the cave,
swathing her in the peace she
had always craved,
the blur of bird disappearing behind
the windowpane,
its wings stilling in her chest, as
I burrowed my head into the nest,
curling up alongside her like when I
was still inside her,
listening to the strangeness of the
silence that assailed my ears,
willing her Heart to start
beating again,
flooding her lips with my Breath, so
hers would begin breathing again,
raging at the blueness of this breath-
taking day, that took hers away,
this extra day, this one more morn-
ing, that I greet as I step Outside,
blinking up at the vastness of Sky,
inhaling deep, the pureness
of this Air,
like she would have done,
walking and breathing her way
through the beauty of this extra day.

Sylvie Kalenda

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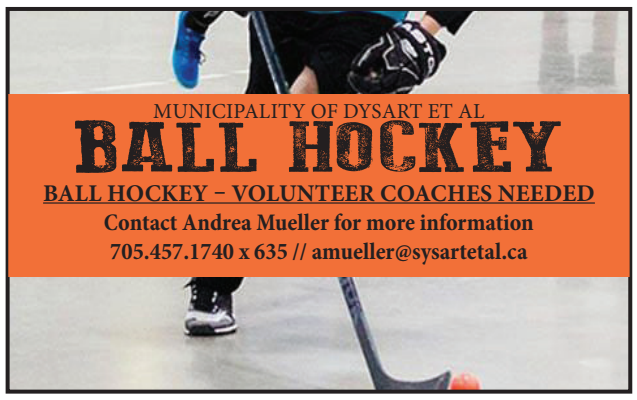
Community Events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Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association-Fish Hatchery's Wild Game Dinner
When: Saturday, March 21, 5 p.m. cocktails and 6:30 p.m. dinner
Where: Haliburton Legion
Great food, great company, great silent auction. Note domestic meat available
Tickets: $35 person or $55 per couple
Reserve tickets by caling I HHOA-Fish Hatchery at 705 457-9664 on Tuesday and Thursday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information: https://www.hhoa.on.ca/

Lenten Lunch
When: March 25
Where: Highland Hills United Church
Service at noon. Followed by soup lunch. By Donation

Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, March 25, 10:30 am to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Lenten Lunch
When: April 1
Where: Our Lady of the Fatima Catholic Church
Service at 12 noon. Followed by soup lunch. By Donation

Storytelling Workshop
When: April 1, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: Dysart Public Library
Join Jim Blake and Fay Wilkinson for a workshop on storytelling. We'll cover what stories to tell, where to find them, and an intro on how to learn stories and deliver them. There will be opportunities for people to try out their skills and we'll provide snacks. For ages 10-110. Cost is $7 per person, or pay what you can. To register, email Bob at hudspithbob@gmail.com or call 705-809-3160.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association monthly meeting
When: Monday April 6, 7 p.m.
Where: HCSA Clubhouse, 171 Mallard Road in Haliburton's Industrial Park.
It's a busy time for the HCSA with a number of projects on and off the trails. For further info email info@hcsa.ca or call 705-457-4263. Everyone is Welcome

Annual Model Train Show
When: Saturday April 4 and Sunday April 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Victoria Park Armoury 210 Kent St. West, Lindsay, Ontario
Once again featuring some of southern Ontario's best operating model train layouts and hobby dealers, an enduring attraction for both model railway enthusiasts and residents alike.Fare: Adults $6, children 6 to 12 $2, under 6 free.

Recurring Events

Devotional Gatherings
Mondays/Tuesdays – Join us for prayers, meditations, readings; all spiritual traditions are honoured and welcome. An open space for reflection, prayer and sharing for the well-being of people and the state of the world. Call Kathie/George, 705-286-3378 or Pat 416-606-9657.

SMART, safe and gentle exercise for Seniors.
Offered by VON for strength, balance and flexibility.
Haliburton: Parklane Apt. Tuesday, 1 to 2 p.m.
Echo Hills Apt. Thursday, 1 to 2 p.m.
Minden: Hyland Crest Auditorium - Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Classes are free
For more information, contact Cathy Thomas, 705-489-2187 or Carol Browne, 705-457-4551

Grief Support Group Community Support Services
When: First Wednesday of every month Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden Hospital 1 to 3 p.m. or second Wednesday of every month Abbey Retreat Centre, 1150 Garden Gate Drive West Guilford, 1 to 3 p.m.
Offering emotional support in a safe and non-judgemental environment
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Fridays from 10 a.m. - noon at Stanhope Community Centre
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Morning Glories Fitness
Where: Upstairs, A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton
When: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.
Ladies fitness group for all levels
Contact: Jane 705-754-9996

Community Drum Circle, starting Feb.
Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Patio, 23 York St.
Join the community Drum Circle. Instruments available. Beginners welcome. Family-friendly. Each week a volunteer will facilitate the Circle. By donation in support of Haliburton DrumFest

Haliburton: Pickleball
When: Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton High School Gym.
Cost is $2 and rackets are provided. Bring clean indoor shoes.
Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

Minden: Pickleball
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes.
Cost is $2. Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Family Fun Bingo
Every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Kinmount Legion

Harcourt Community Centre
Harcourt Bingo every week on Wednesdays
Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and bingo starts at 7:30 p.m.
Regular euchre night every week on Thursday night starting at 7 p.m.
The new community centre is also air conditioned.

Kinmount Library
The Friends of the Library group have a monthly book sale at the Kinmount Library the third Saturday of every month.

Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 7 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Second Wednesday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting includes speakers holding trunk shows of their work, often covering new and interesting quilt and sewing techniques. Our group consists of quilters at all levels, who enjoy sharing and learning from each other. Check out our Facebook page or our web site: Facebook.com/haliburtonquilts or www.haliburtonhighlandsquiltguild.com
Contact: Connie Walker 905-439-5943 orhaliburtonquilts@gmail.com

Haliburton Highlands Weaving and Spinning Guild Open Studios
Time: Every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m.
Place: Haliburton Veterinary Services Building – Back Entrance
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat at 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Table Tennis
When: Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Bid Euchre
When: Thursday, and every third Sunday, afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3 on Thursdays and $8 on Sundays
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca.

Rails End Knitting Circle
First Friday of every month 1 to 4 p.m.
Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre
23 York St., in Haliburton's landmark rail station

Rails End Uke Jam
Alternate Thursdays (call for dates 705-457-2330)
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Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Jennifer Bacon*
Dean Michel*
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x28

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Kristin Bishop*
457-2128 x23

Redstone Lake $999,500

- Stunning hidden gem on Picadilly Bay
- Open concept with walkout to the massive deck
- 144 ft of water frontage for great privacy
- Beautifully landscaped on the 1-acre property

Dagmar
Boettcher**
457-5968

Gooderham Lake $1,088,000

- 3,880 sqft post & beam lakefront home with 104' waterfront on Gooderham Lk
- Custom built in 2018 with 4 beds, 5 bathrooms, walkout basement

Andy Campbell
854-0292

Bobcaygeon Rd $129,000

- Well established and profitable business
- Top regional lottery commissions
- Create your own job

Gloria
Carnochan*
754-1932

West Guilford Lot $134,900

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Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 26

Country Home on the Gull $669,900

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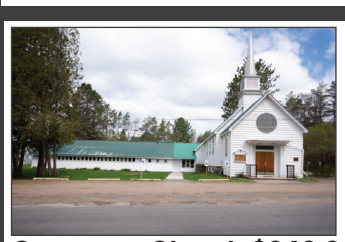
- 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, high and dry
- So many features, minutes to town
- Call Tom for more information

Lindsay
Elder**
457-5878

Redstone Lake $675,000

- Beautiful 3-bedroom, 2 bath home or cottage
- Large windows & deck overlooking the lake
- Southern Exposure, sand beach on Redstone Lake



Lee Gauthier**
489-9968

Carnarvon Church $249,000

- Historic property in a prime location bordering on Hwy 35
- Located in between Minden & Haliburton Village
- Shopping & restaurants are nearby

Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

Twelve Mile Lake $749,000

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath year round cottage/home
- Dbl garage, loft, deep off the dock, 3 lake system
- Many recent upgrades, lots of inclusions

Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

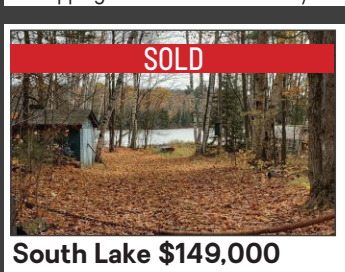
Miskwabi Lake $699,900

- 4-season cottage/home on awesome 2-lake chain
- Clean rock shoreline, big lake view, sunset exposure
- Municipal road access, 20 minutes from Haliburton Village

Rosemarie Jung*
457-7049

Barry Line $349,000

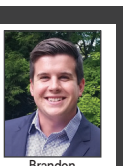
- Private country home on 2 acres
- Open concept with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath
- Conveniently located on a quiet road between Haliburton & Minden



David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

South Lake $149,000

- Beautiful waterfront lot!
- 118 feet frontage, level,
- Driveway in, hydro at line.
- Area of nicer homes & cottages.



Brandon
Nimigon*
457-2128 x 27

Kashagawigamog Lake $55,000

- 4 season cottage with fractional ownership
- Open Concept, 3 bedrooms, quiet end of the road
- On our premier 5 lake chain, Boat into Haliburton

Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

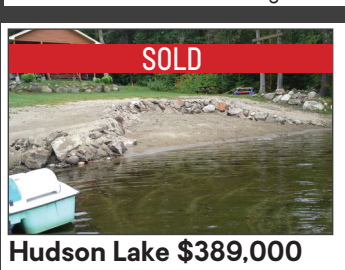
Highway 35 $185,000

- 78 acres with large frontage on Hwy 35
- In a is designated Service and Business Area!

Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Industrial Park Rd $1,350,000

- 12,000 sq ft of mixed use industrial and commercial space
- Sitting on a private 6.75 acre lot in Haliburton
- Unlimited possibilities with this building!



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Hudson Lake $389,000

- Neat & tidy 3-bedroom cottage,
- Fully equipped, even paddle boat & canoe

Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

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- Vacant Land/Acreage
- Waterfront Cottages (Year-round & Seasonal)
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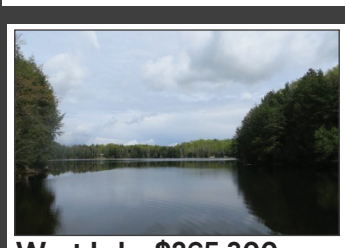


Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

West Lake $265,300

- 356' of frontage with on West Lake & with gentle path to the waterfront
- Utilities at the lot line, driveway installed on a year round municipally maintained road

Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

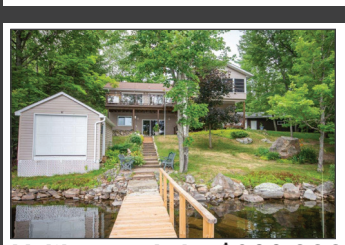
Minden Executive Home $549,000

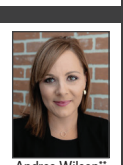
- Bungalow w/finished walk-out lower level
- 4 Bdrms, 2.5 baths, Cathedral Ceilings
- On Beaver Creek, 2 acres,
- Det'd Dbl Garage & Det'd Insulated, Heated Shop

Lindsay
Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 25

Cameron Lake $750,000

- 1-year old construction, shows like a model
- 3 bedroom, 2 baths, plus room to grow
- relax at this quiet motor restricted lake

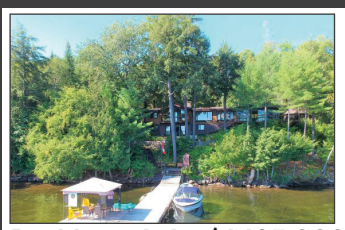




Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Haliburton Lake $899,000

- 3-bedroom 2.5 bath modern lakefront home
- Spectacular view, deep water off the dock
- Renovated Boathouse, 2 double car garages
- 1280 Sq Ft garage/shop with high ceilings



Drew Bishop**
Kristin Bishop*
457-2128 x23

Boshkung Lake $1,195,000

- 4,000-total sq ft cottage, 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths
- Awe-insuring views, & complete privacy on 1.66 acres & 250+ feet of deep, clean shoreline on 3 lake chain

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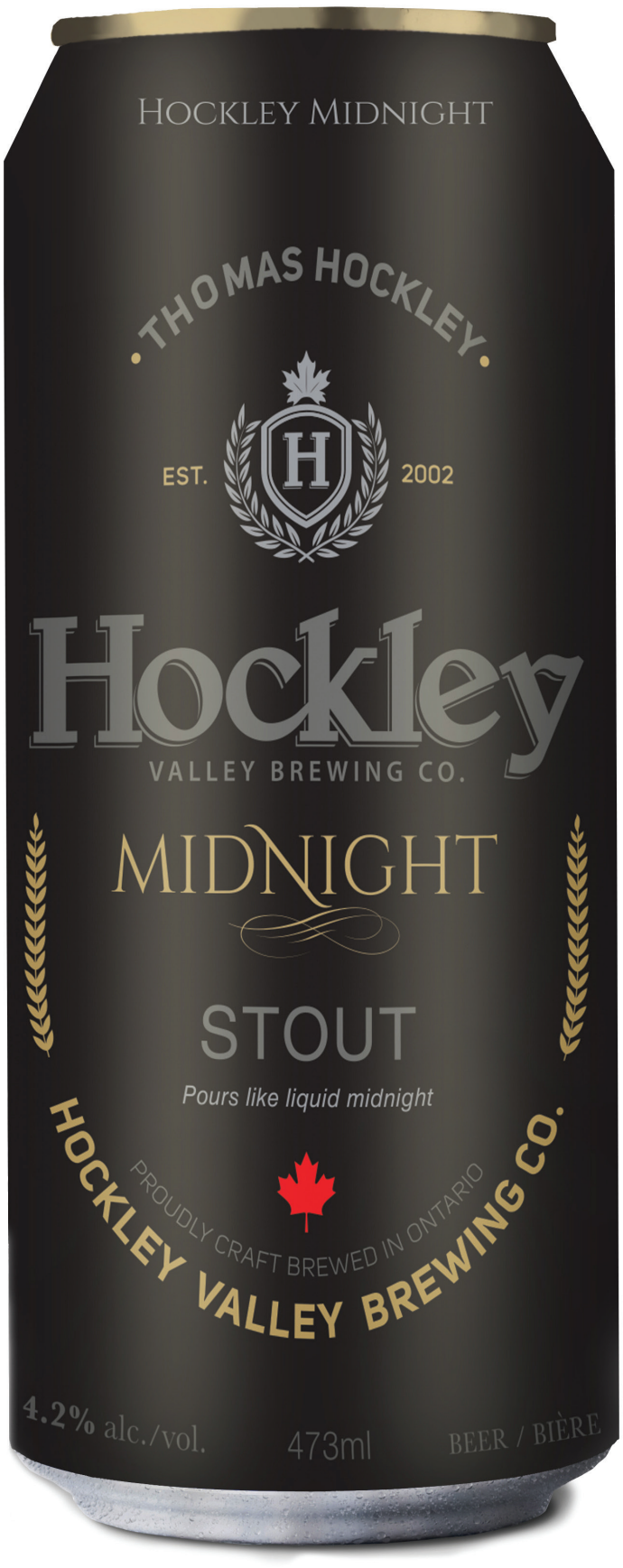

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Melvin Flood can understand why the registry office is much more busy now—he's one of the people who've decided to leave the fast pace behind and move to Haliburton. For more, see page 10

Working in a Union Carbide factory taught Bill Jeffrey a lot about chemicals, and why he doesn't want any of them in his food. For more on this organic gardener with a message, please turn to page 12.

One of the highest 'marks' Tanya Allaire can get is a hug from one of the residents of Hyland Crest, where she spends part of a school day refereeing euchre games. See page 17 for more

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Next on The Journal: Haliburton's debate on Lord's Prayer will get national coverage

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

A LOCAL ISSUE will be getting national television coverage after a crew from CBC's *The Journal* spent a few days in the area interviewing people about the Lord's Prayer controversy.

"It's something we have all considered—Canadian culture and how it's changing," says producer Jim Williamson of the debate centring on the whether tradition—the saying of the prayer during opening exercises in schools—is being lost in the translation of one of Canada's other traditions, multiculturalism—acceptance of and abeyance to all cultures.

"People across the country can really identify with what's happening here," adds reporter, Eric Rankin. "This issue is important in other provinces too."

But only in Haliburton County has the issue been brought to the point where someone's job was at stake. A few weeks ago, the board of education agreed with Wilberforce principal, Charles Hughes', suggestion that he be demoted rather than fired over his refusal to stop saying the prayer in his class. While the trustees agreed that the prayer is an important part of the school day, they felt Mr. Hughes was not justified in breaking board policy which replaced the prayer with a minute's silence, and therefore setting a bad example for the children.

The Journal found out about the local dilemma through two stories in *The Globe and Mail:* A front page story about the demotion on March 4; and a news feature written by this reporter in the March 6 edition. The latter story outlined the debate which has been raging through the Letters to the Editor in *The Echo.*

First to be interviewed was *Echo* editor and publisher, Len Pizzey, who had opened the floodgates with his column in favour of the Ontario Court of Appeals ruling that exclusive use of the

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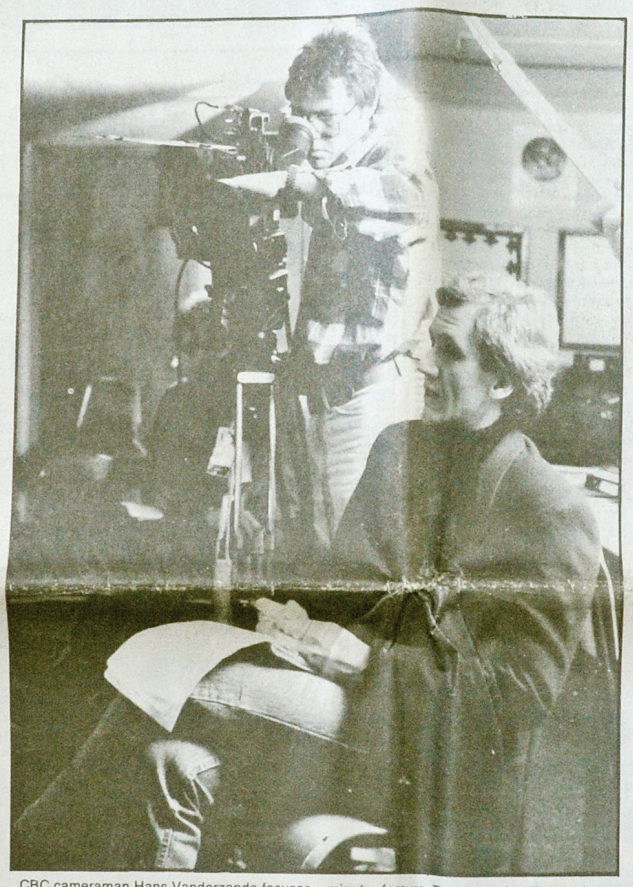

CBC cameraman Hans Vanderzande focuses in on the pro-prayer panel reporter Eric Rankin, foreground, is about to interview for a seven-minute feature The Journal will broadcast sometime in the next few days. In the background is producer Jim Williamson.

County battles hard to hold budget line

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

It could have been worse, the chairman of the county's board of management said as he announced a 7.4 per cent increase in this year's budget.

"Nearly all department requests were trimmed," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, noting that if they hadn't have been, the increase—primarily borne by the municipalities—could have reached 22 per cent.

"This is a lot sweeter pill than you'll get from (federal finance minister Michael) Wilson and (Ontario treasurer Robert) Nixon."

The province demands more services but doesn't offer more money

The trick with striking a fair budget, Fearrey told his fellow county councillors last Wednesday, is to keep taxpayers in mind without stifling some of the plans which will make the county continue to grow.

On top of this, the county must implement the policies set out by the province—such as the $30,000 set aside for the pay equity program—without expecting the province to provide any extra funds to do so. In fact, this is the first year the government has put a hold on the general support and resource equalization grants, which are the same as last year: $95,549 and $174,293.

And while land division fees put $76,131 into the county's coffers last year, the management committee believes the pace of real estate development will level off this year, and has planned for $65,000 in revenues. Other supplementary taxes are also expected to fall to $8,000 from $16,540.

Other revenue, apart from the levies charged against municipalities, is projected at $33,900.

But the list of expenditures is much longer.

Because of an increase in fees paid to council councillors, this year's budget allocates $13,000 for these fees, up $3,300. Now instead of getting $40 for each meeting attended, except county council, the 17 representatives will get $50. For each county council meeting they will get a $25 increase to $100. They also get a 25 cents a kilometre mileage allowance, expected to total $6,350. Land Division Committee fees have also been increased and are expected to come in at $5,600.

Clerk treasurer, Gary McKnight, also got a raise this year. He is now

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Downpour floods stores, houses

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

It didn't rain last Tuesday night, it poured. And poured and poured. But when you have a thunderstorm in the middle of winter, the frost doesn't allow the rain to soak into the ground and it must search out new escapes. These were found in several downtown businesses, the Legion, and countless number of homes.

The Legion was perhaps the hardest hit by the flooding. With a thick layer of ice built up on the parking lot, the doorway leading into to the Mountbatten Room was lower and provided easy access into the building.

"At one spot, it was two inches deep," says manager Jim Tice. Luckily, at 11 o'clock people in the Mountbatten Room noticed that water was seeping through and action to stop it began immediately. Ray Scott and his bulldozer were called in to break up the ice and level off the parking lot, while inside, everyone started moving the furniture out of the mini-flood's way.

"Everyone who was here just pitched right in," says Tice. Ten people worked for two and a half hours, including George Logan with his wet vacuum, a machine put to much use in 24 hours. The next morning, the rugs in two rooms were shampooed so Tice doesn't expect there will be any permanent damage.

Bill and Freda Davis think they lost between $1,000 and $1,500 worth of carpet after rain water flooded their Colour Your World, Carpet Division store in the Stedman's Mall.

"We're lucky actually," says Bill Davis, who was expecting an order of eight carpets to join the three which were soaked on the floor. "No matter how bad things are, they

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MNR cuts a hot issue with fire chiefs

by SUSAN GROBER
Staff Reporter

Due to personnel cut-backs, the Ministry of Natural Resources has requested that volunteer firefighters from the municipalities spend more time fighting forest fires. But local reaction to the request is mixed.

"We don't want to do it," says Monmouth fire chief Max Walsh. "We've got to go buy more equipment. And I think it would be the end of most volunteer fire departments because some of us just can't afford the time. There's just no way in the world those people can afford to leave their jobs — a contractor could be losing out up to $500."

The MNR's change involves reducing 171 five-man crews across the province to 207 three-man crews — a reduction of 25 per cent, says Tom Russell, operations manager for the Haliburton office. But the manpower in this area will be cut 46 per cent, he adds. Cost efficiency is the reason for the cuts.

"We've had a reduction, there's no doubt there will be an increase of reliance on municipal volunteers to do more work," says Russell. "They will be called to spend more time away from their jobs working on putting out fires. But we will still be there, we will still support them. We'll make it work."

But Walsh doesn't think it will be so easy. Volunteer firefighters are reimbursed partially for missed wages, but Walsh says many can't afford to leave their jobs for the amount of money they get. So, he says, less people will be volunteering, and some may even quit.

Keith Tallman, Haliburton County Warden, agrees.

"It's certain we're going to have trouble with our volunteers," Tallman says. "Basically, some have said they won't respond to the fires.

Russell understands that this may cause some problems. He met with area fire chiefs at a meeting last week, and says that the departments will have to "change their style of

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Caution key to position search

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

After having three men sit in the administrator's chair in three years, the residents of Hyland Crest need to be given a breathing space before a new administrator is chosen, says the chairman of the home's committee of management.

"At this time, there's no need to jump too quickly," Bill Howe told his fellow county councillors last Wednesday. "We'll take a breathing stretch so we can be really sure we have the right person.

"The bottom line is the wellbeing of these people, regardless."

Earlier this month, Dwight Morley tendered his resignation from the job he has held for less than a year. He replaced Karl Samuelson who immediately upon receiving the post, applied for jobs elsewhere. However, before Samuelson arrived at the home, Sid Brown had been the administrator for many years.

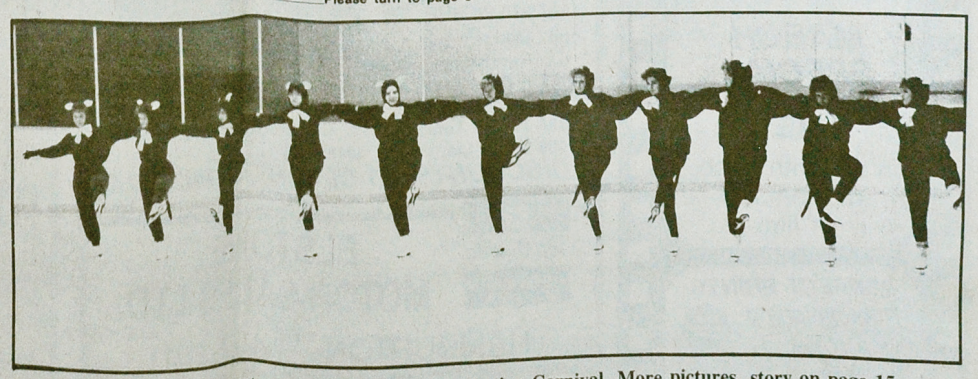
"What has transpired is the best for all concerned," Howe said. The committee readily accepted Morley's resignation after denying him a salary increase and administrative requests.

The search for a new administrator is expected to take four to six months, during which time the committee will "formulate policies" which will more clearly outline the role of administrator, Howe said in an interview after the meeting.

"There's got to be compassion, feeling. You also have to have someone who relates to the staff," he said of the qualities the committee will be looking for.

In the meantime, Howe said county clerk-treasurer Gary McKnight will be doing double duty at the home and that the "conflict and turmoil" has evaporated.

"The big thing is not to jump too quickly," Howe stressed.



Everyone wanted to be a cat at Monmouth's Figure Skating Carnival. More pictures, story on page 15

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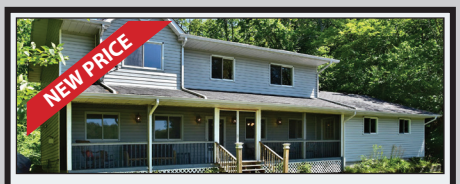

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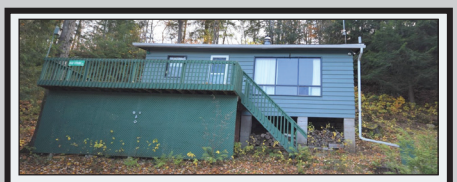

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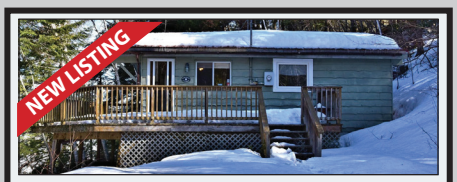

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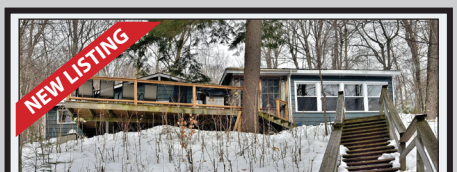

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$379,000

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